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The steamship agents predict the largest immigration this spring that they have ever had, and the local newspapers report that on both the Allan and Beaver lines the bookings for the next two months are practically full.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox—Plague-infected rats.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports, February 11, as follows: During the week ended February 7, 1903, 10 vessels were inspected, 697 crew and 12 steerage passengers were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 775 pieces of baggage were disinfected. The communicable diseases reported in the colony for this week were: Plague, 12 cases and 12 deaths (Chinese); smallpox, 3 cases and 2 deaths (Chinese); enteric fever, 1 case, and scarlet fever, 1 case. From January 5 to February 2, 1903, 15,207 rats were caught in Victoria and Kowloon, and 120 of this number were found to be infected with plague. The number of plague cases suddenly increased during the past week, and the number of infected rats caught also showed an increase.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Plague at Phauthar.

CABLEGRAM.

CANTON, CHINA, *March 21, 1903.*

STATE DEPARTMENT, *Washington:*

About 100 deaths bubonic plague at Phauthai near Kityang. Canton clean.

MCWADE, *Consul.*

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, March 12, as follows: There were reported 14 deaths in the city during week ended March 7, 1903. Causes: Enteritis, 1; tetanus, 2; meningitis, 2; tuberculosis, 2; malaria, 2; other causes, 5.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Report from Habana.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter forwards the following under date of March 12:

Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended March 7, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis	20
Pneumonia	4
Bronchitis	5
Enteric fever	2
Enteritis	4
Malaria	1
Meningitis	5
Cachexia	1
Gangrene	1
Cancer	2

Total deaths from all causes, 91.